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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Russell DATE TYPED: 01/25/02 HB HJM 29

SHORT TITLE: Head Start & Child Care Collaboration SB _____

ANALYST: Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
		\$0.1	See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates: HB 102, Statewide Early Childhood Programs

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Joint Memorial requests CYFD to create a task force to develop a plan to expand the current collaboration model between Head Start providers and other childcare providers, both public and private. This memorial requests that CYFD present the plan and any legislative recommendations to the appropriate committee by October 2002.

Significant Issues

Many Head Start programs in New Mexico are currently serving the maximum number of children allowed given their physical capacity. The Head Start Collaboration initiative is designed to increase both capacity and quality of services by partnering Head Start with local childcare providers, training the latter in the Head Start Performance Standards. According to CYFD, the department is developing a plan for this collaboration, which will include the cooperation and input of childcare experts and childcare advocates as well as the Head Start community. CYFD notes that this joint memorial would formalize the planning process already underway in CYFD and consequently the memorial is not necessary.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Since there is no appropriation attached to this memorial, CYFD would have to absorb any fiscal impact.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 102, Statewide Early Childhood Programs

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Faith Wohl of the National Child Care Action Campaign has stated that “high quality child care programs serve both parents and children and enhance the life and development of both. Children are best served when the programs are developed and overseen by people with a background in early education and child development.”

The department administers the following child care programs:

- Title 1 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program serves infants, toddlers and children, birth to 7 years old in a joint parent-child program.
- The New Mexico Even Start Family Literacy Initiative also provides a parent-child program for toddlers and children, ages 3-5.
- There are 170 schools in 44 school districts serving five-year-old children in Full-Day Kindergarten programs.
- The New Mexico Works School Age Program serves children 5-8 years of age before school hours, after school, during holidays and in the summer.
- The Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills program (GRADS) serves infants and toddlers in a joint program with their teenage mother.

AMENDMENTS

The sponsor may wish to include:

- the State Department of Education as a member of the task force,
- the business community, tribal entities as well as statewide municipal associations for membership,

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